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### ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. Walter S. Freeman has gone to H. J. for a short trip.

William S. Peloubet started on Thursday for the West on an extended business trip.

Thomas Flannery, of this place, has been sworn in as a deputy under Sheriff Brown.

Mr. W. S. S. Rowland has leased the new house of Mr. Joseph Eveland, which he has just erected on Thomas street.

The Sunday-school Teachers' Normal Class will be held in the lecture-room of the Baptist Church during the month of December.

Mr. J. J. Naas, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. William Linder, for several weeks, will return home to-day.

Dr. Harry E. Richards and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Richards, will leave town on Monday and expect to spend the winter in New York.

Mr. Hugh Randolph and wife expect very soon to occupy their house on Franklin H. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Randolph will move with them.

A grand musical entertainment was given in the Reform Club Hall on Friday evening under the auspices of the club. A report of the affair will be given next week.

The students of the seminary were expected on Wednesday afternoon until Monday morning. While the boys are away from the turkey, the stately building is undoubtedly thankful for a few days quiet.

Dr. J. W. Pinkham, of Montclair, will be a paper on "The Small Pipe System of Land Sewage" as illustrated in New Jersey, before the N. J. Sanitary Association at their annual meeting in Trenton, December 4th.

The Lehigh Engineer Corps have organized since the campaign into a social club with Theodore Cadmus, Captain, John Peterson, President, V. D. Reston, Vice-President, Norman Folsom, Secretary, and Fred Cadmus, Treasurer.

The Lehigh Engineer Corps were entertained by Hon. Herman Lehigh on Friday evening, at Dod's Hall, with an elegant supper, served by Dixon. A number of prominent gentlemen of this place were present and made brief speeches. The second grand pound party of East Star Lodge, No. 570, K. & L. of E. was held at Raab's Assembly rooms on Wednesday evening. The attendance was large and the evening pleasantly spent. The climax of the fun was reached when the members were disposed of.

The twin children of Mr. and Mrs. Lehigh have both died within the past week. The first died on the 17th and the second on the 19th; the second on the 19th was buried on the 23d. Rev. D. R. H. conducted both services which were held at the house. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lehigh sympathize with their affliction.

The third annual Autumnal Conference of the Baptist denomination, which convened at Philadelphia on November 11th, 12th and 13th, was attended with unusual interest. Ezra D. Simons, of this place, reported the proceedings for the year, which were conducted last year, when the body assembled at Detroit, Michigan, in the same capacity on this occasion. On Saturday afternoon a fire broke out in a barn on the Slayback estate at Ridge. The Montclair Department responded to the scene and fought the fire with a chemical engine until both tanks had been discharged; they then returned home. Bloomfield Department were called, on the evening, to extinguish the fire. The hour's hard work they accomplished mission.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Episcopal Church are to hold a two days' fair at Dod's Hall on December 2d and 3d. Gentlemen arriving on the trains from 8 p. m. may obtain a good supper

in the hall. The ladies of the parish have been working hard, and many beautiful and useful articles will be offered at moderate prices. The afternoons will be made attractive to the children.

—Michael McGlynn, formerly of this place, was drowned a few days ago at Memphis, Tenn., while in the act of trying to rescue a drowning person. Mr. McGlynn and Edward Perry, of this place, are employed on a government barge at Memphis. It is stated by Perry that a man fell overboard, and McGlynn went to his rescue, losing his own life. He was 30 years of age, and leaves a mother and sister who reside on Park street.

—Certain persons about town, who wish to make a cloak for their own shortcomings, have circulated a report that a keg of lager beer and a quantity of Rhine wine were drunk by the Lehigh Engineer Corps at Dod's Hall on Monday evening. Such statements are infamously false. Nothing stronger than coffee was provided for, or even wished for, on that occasion. It is worse than folly to confound the Lehigh reception with the disgraceful affair that took place on the avenue during the early part of the campaign.

—The Longfellow entertainment, which was given in Library Hall on November 19th, will be repeated on Monday, December 8th. The first evening was very stormy, and many who had expected to attend did not venture to attend, thinking it would be postponed. The attendance was very good, considering the inclemency of the weather. The character of the play, "The Blind Girl of Castle Uille," was all that could be desired. The cast was made up from those who would do credit to a play of a more extended character. We wish for our Baptist friends a pleasant evening and a full house, which they undoubtedly have. The singing, recitations and music will be new, and additional pieces will be added to the tableaux.

### The Essex's Benefit.

The amusement loving part of our townspeople are to be the recipients of a rare treat on Dec. 17th. Essex Hook and Ladder Co. have engaged R. J. Burdette, the "Hawkeye man," to deliver one of his humorous lectures in Library Hall on the above date. To those who heard Mr. Burdette two years ago, when he lectured in Westminster Church, we know they would like to hear him again. To those who have not heard him we would say do not fail to hear him. The subject will be announced next week, but whatever Mr. Burdette may give it can be relied on as being good. Only as many tickets will be sold as the seating capacity of the hall will admit; so our advice is, purchase your tickets early.

### Concert at Catholic Union Hall.

The concert given in the Catholic Union Hall, on Thanksgiving evening, taken in its entirety, was a grand and marked success. The hall was crowded with an appreciative audience, and the faces of many of our most prominent residents were noticeable. Every number was rendered so artistically that encores were frequent, and, in fact, were demanded in every instance.

The opening piece was a duo for piano and violin, by Mrs. H. J. Sayers and Mr. J. O'Brien, which elicited genuine applause. Mrs. J. L. Walsh followed with a soprano solo, "Stephanie," to which she did full justice. Special mention must be made of the soloists, Mrs. A. L. Farrington, Mrs. C. E. Hume and Mr. P. Behan. Mrs. Farrington's voice is well known to many here, and, although she has kindly volunteered on previous occasions to appear in public in the cause of charity, it was remarked generally that she eclipsed her former efforts on this evening. She managed her well-trained voice with such perfect skill as to hold her audience spell-bound, and when she ended her first solo with a cadenza, given with a grace of execution that would have done justice to a Patti, the applause was deafening. Mrs. Hume, the alto, and a resident of New York city, who appeared for the first time in Bloomfield, caught the hearts of her audience ere she had sung a dozen bars. Her voice possesses that depth and richness of tone and expression seldom heard except in operatic scores. Especially was this noticeable in the trio "Protect us," wherein the harmony was simply enchanting and which was greatly enhanced by her wonderful treatment, the crescendo parts being rendered with great volume, while the piano passages faded away into a mere whisper. Mr. Behan, the tenor, is well known in Newark and other parts of the State, and now occupies the position of solo tenor in the Newark Cathedral. He has a voice of great compass, is a tenor robusto, and appears equally well in selections from opera or ballads. His first solo, "Let me like a soldier fall," is most difficult, ending with a B flat, but he mastered it with the grace of a true artist, and had to sing it as an encore. Of our home and native talent too much cannot be written in praise. The Misses O'Brien, Higgins, and Messrs. O'Brien added greatly to the success of the evening's entertainment and gave

evidence of a high order of talent. They deserve great credit for the manner in which they accomplished the work assigned them and give promise of ranking with the foremost musical talent of the town. The pianiste, Mrs. H. J. Sayers, who kindly accompanied throughout the entire programme, seems perfectly at home with the instrument and it was in a great measure due to her efforts that the concert proved so successful. The closing piece, Rossini's "Charity," proved a fitting finale to a most successful concert. The soprano solo in this number was given by Mrs. J. L. Walsh with great force and animation, and at its termination the audience reluctantly dispersed, after enjoying a most agreeable evening.

### Thanksgiving Services.

The Union Thanksgiving service in Bloomfield, was held at the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. H. W. Ballantine, presided. The scriptures were read by Rev. E. D. Simons; prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. Duffield, and the sermon was preached by Rev. D. R. Lowrie. The text of Mr. Duffield was Jeremiah 32: 18: "And they shall be my people, and I will be their God." After somewhat extended general remarks, in which he referred to the late Presidential election, he proposed as his subject: "America, a Christian Republic!" In evidence of this he pointed to the character and designs of the founders of the Republic, refuting the charge that Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin were infidels. Going back to our Colonial ancestors the same truth is evident. Daniel Webster affirmed that the Christian religion alone makes the American Republic possible. Mr. Lowrie said that it took the world seven centuries to give the idea of a Christian Republic. You cannot divorce our government from Christianity. All must revolve around the Bible. Christianity is not dependent upon the State, and is not directly linked to this. It asks for no protection from the State. It protects itself, and flings around liberty fostering arms.

He said that our Republic was founded on three facts:

1. Personal freedom.
2. Civil equality, which must be truly granted to those made free by the immortal proclamation of Abraham Lincoln.
3. Intelligence and virtue. These are absolutely essential to the perpetuity of a Christian Republic.

He maintained that some other qualification for voting is demanded than the age of the voter. He paid his respects to Mr. Beecher, who, for his utterance a few weeks ago, he characterized as a wholesale slanderer. Virtue, under God, is not to be thus traduced.

He directed attention to a few of the dangers which threaten our nation:

1. The rapid accumulation of wealth by private individuals, tending to corporate wealth.
2. The traffic in rum.
3. Romanism, which he declared to be the foe of all free institutions.

The sermon was received with general favor on the part of the goodly number in attendance upon the services. The usual Thanksgiving collection was taken.

### Westminster Lyceum Course.

The Managers of the Westminster Course are again to be congratulated on their selection of an evening's entertainment. Mr. Locke Richardson was entirely satisfactory to an audience, which is growing more and more skeptical every day as to the merits of "eloquistists" and their frequently questionable "eloquence." But Mr. Richardson came with such an excellent reputation, and was so different from the mass of mere humorists, that he did not deserve to be ranked—and has not been ranked—with them. The programme opened with the "Christmas Carol" of Charles Dickens—a piece of work in which he who undertakes it must make up his mind to compete with the king. To any who have ever heard Dickens read his own story, the contrast of method was marked and instructive. Mr. Richardson makes more of some parts, and less of others, than did the great novelist. He falls a trifle behind him in the delineation of Tiny Tim, but he goes beyond him in the pawnbroker dialogue, and rivals him if he does not actually surpass him, in that point where Dickens seemed to luxuriate, the description of the goose and the pudding. Dickens' Scrooge was unusually fine conception, especially in his unexpected change for future amendment. Mr. Richardson appreciates this character thoroughly, without exactly reaching Dickens' ideal. On the whole the two renderings are distinct, and this last is as good as if not better than the first; though nothing can compensate for the charm of hearing an author, however he may do it, read his own work. If Mr. Richardson has never heard Dickens (for so we understand) read his own story, this version which he gives is a most notable illustration of sympathetic and original interpretation. The second half of the programme was miscellaneous. We wish that a good many clergymen could have heard the natural, pathetic and beautiful rendering which was

given Paul's words to the Ephesian elders. The Scriptures are admirably adapted to the best sort of public reading and there is nothing more revolting than to hear them mumbled or mangled. Following this came the well-worn poem of "King Robert of Sicily," a poem which has been given in Bloomfield frequently enough for all ordinary requirements during the present generation. It is sufficient to say of it that it gained a new meaning in Mr. Richardson's tones.

The selection from "Mark Twain" was omitted, happily no doubt, and the soliloquy of "Lord Dunsinore" was the next number. This was not a success. The inimitable drawl was absent; and the eye glass lent no enchantment to the speaker. Mr. Richardson is not at home in this part at all. It belongs to a different and less earnest eloquist than had it in hand on Tuesday evening.

The closing number would have deceived the very elect. It seemed to come in as a sort of encore; its conversational commencement and its apparent appropriateness to the speaker, misled the audience into the supposition that it was an outburst of confidence; and everybody was launched long before he knew that he was bound for a voyage. "Max Adler's" first political speech therefore reached the climax of embarrassment, in the easiest and simplest manner in the world.

A criticism of Mr. Richardson stands or falls upon his ideal of eloquence. Those who like rant or fustian cannot enjoy the delicacy of his accentuation, or the variety of his tones. But to a Bloomfield audience, which heartily despises unnatural and exaggerated recitation or reading, it was very charming, and we are glad to learn that Mr. Richardson went away thinking full as well of his audience as they did of him.

Prof. Piderit presided at the organ, from which he, as usual, elicited most satisfactory music. To his skill and kindness the audience were indebted for much that made the evening's entertainment a success.

### The Reform Club Gymnasium.

The gymnasium class of the Bloomfield Reform Club will resume its winter session the first week in December, 1884.

All persons desiring to develop their muscles, improve their forms, invigorate their health, and in general respect to themselves, may have an opportunity of so doing by joining the class and thus acquiring the use of the gymnasium. This does not necessitate the joining of Reform Club or the signing of pledge.

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### List of Letters

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